

ENGLAND.—I hope in God her government will come to a sense of this, and will see that honesty and interest are as intimately connected in the public as in the private code of morality. Her ministers have been weak enough to believe from the newspapers that Mr. Madison and myself are personally her enemies. Such an idea is unworthy a man of sense; <sup>as</sup> we should have been unworthy our trusts could we have felt such a motive of public action. No two men in the United States have more sincerely wished for cordial friendship with her; not as her vassals or dirty partisans, but as members of co-equal states, respecting each other; and sensible of the good as well as the harm each is capable of doing the other. On this ground there never was a moment we did not wish to embrace her. But repelled by their aversions, feeling their hatred at every point of contact and justly indignant at its supercilious manifestations, that happened which has happened, that will follow, must follow, in progressive ratio, while such dispositions continue to be indulged. I hope they will see this, and do their part towards healing the minds and cooling the temper of both nations. (To Mr. Murray, 1815. C. VI, 468.)

THE ENGLISH.—As a political man they, the English, shall never find any passion in me either for or against them. Whenever their avarice of commerce will let them meet us fairly half-way, I should meet them with satisfaction, because it would be for our benefit; but I mistake their character if they do this under present circumstances. (To Francis Kinloch, 1790. F. V..249-)

ENGLISH CHARACTER.—I fancy it must be the quantity of animal food eaten by the English which renders their character insusceptible to civilization. I suspect it is in their kitchens and not in their churches that their reformation must be worked, and that missionaries of that description from hence would avail more than those who should endeavor to tame them by precepts of religion or philosophy. (Written from Paris to Mrs. John Adams, 1785. F. IV., 100.)

EPICURUS.—As you say of yourself, I too am an Epicurean. I consider the genuine (not the imputed) doctrines of Epicurus